

led Oversight and Government Reform Committee and the Democratic-led Senate Appropriations Committee approved larger bills that contained the provision in this bill that would permanently authorize the D.C. government to spend its local funds during a Federal Government shutdown. The President's fiscal year 2013 budget also contained the shutdown-avoidance provision. The report accompanying the Republican-led House Appropriations Committee-passed fiscal year 2013 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill also acknowledged the harm of District government shutdowns.

The bill would permanently protect the more than 600,000 residents of the District of Columbia and the Federal Government from an unintended catastrophe in any future Federal Government shutdown. The District of Columbia raises and manages an \$8 billion local budget, but Congress technically appropriates these funds back to the District, an anachronistic holdover and throwback from the pre-home-rule era. Several years ago, Republican appropriators and I reached a bipartisan agreement to approve the District government's local budget in CRs, until the expiration of those CRs, allowing the District government to spend at next year's level, if the District government's regular appropriations bill has not been signed into law by the start of a fiscal year. We are grateful that this agreement has been honored through Democratic and Republican Congresses and administrations. This agreement has enabled District officials to operate complex, big-city functions more effectively than during the many years when the city's local budget was approved by Congress months after the start of a fiscal year. However, last Congress, we saw the limits of even this helpful agreement when the Federal Government almost shut down on multiple occasions, and we are facing a shutdown again this year.

If the District government shuts down, in addition to the vital municipal services that would cease, the District could default under certain financing agreements and leases. Tourists to this city, your constituents, not to mention federal officials, federal buildings, foreign embassies and dignitaries and businesses, rely daily on the city's services. Furthermore, forcing D.C. to operate under successive CRs greatly hinders the operations of the District government. Not only do successive CRs make it difficult for the city to plan its activities for the year, successive CRs greatly increase the city's costs of doing business. The city's partners, from Wall Street to small vendors, may charge it a risk premium due to the uncertainty created by successive CRs. These are not results the Congress envisions or desires as we approach the end of the fiscal year. Our bill would once and for all remove the Nation's Capital from the entanglement in federal matters and disputes for which the city has no blame or involvement.

I urge my colleagues to support the bill.

TRIBUTE TO ROSE KLEYWEG MITCHELL

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Hy-Vee, Inc.'s

Senior Vice President of Education and Governmental Affairs, Rose Kleyweg Mitchell. I have personally known Rose through her tireless advocacy for Hy-Vee and the grocery industry. Rose has led important initiatives to make our state and our fellow Iowans healthier by making more informed decisions about nutrition and the foods we eat.

Originally from Sioux City, Rose earned a bachelor's degree and education certificate in 1977 from Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Upon graduation, Mrs. Mitchell began teaching at West Des Moines' Valley High School while simultaneously pursuing part-time work at the local Hy-Vee food store. Two years later, Rose had joined Hy-Vee's corporate staff as the first in-house corporate trainer. Mrs. Mitchell would continue to rise through the ranks at Hy-Vee and ultimately assume the roles of Training Supervisor, Director of Training, and Assistant Vice President of Training. By 1996, Rose had been elected to the Board of Directors as the first female vice president where she oversaw Education, Training and Government affairs. Mrs. Mitchell was promoted to her current role as Senior Vice President in 2005.

Throughout her storied career, Rose's great work has been recognized through numerous honors and awards. Mrs. Mitchell was named the Hy-Vee Director of the Year in 1991, awarded the Simpson College Distinguished Alumni Achievement award in 1995, and received simultaneous awards in 2002 as the Greek Alumni and Advisor of the Year. Mrs. Mitchell is also a charter member of the Hy-Vee Toastmasters Club which she has helped shape through her leadership and award-winning performance.

In addition to her work with Iowa's largest private employer, Mrs. Mitchell has displayed an enduring and selfless commitment to her community. Rose has used her talents to serve as President of the Simpson College Alumni Association, hold national office for Delta Delta Delta Sorority, and lead in various roles with the Children's Convalescent Home and Habilitation Center, United Way, and the Unity Point Foundation.

Mr. Speaker, Rose's contribution to Hy-Vee and to the great state of Iowa cannot be overstated. While Mrs. Mitchell's expertise and experience are sure to be missed, she leaves behind a truly grateful community and an excellent example of service for which to strive. I wish Rose and her husband Jerry nothing but the best as they begin a new chapter in their lives.

IN HONOR OF MR. JESSE OWENS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to honor Mr. Jesse Owens on the 100th anniversary of his birthday. James Cleveland Owens was born the son of a sharecropper on a farm in Oakville, Alabama on September 12, 1913. It's been said the family sold its only valuable possession, their mule, in order to travel to Cleveland, Ohio in search of a better life. A teacher at his new school, misunderstanding when James Cleveland told her his

name was J.C., called him Jesse, and the name stuck.

When Jesse entered junior high school, the track team coach noticed his ability to run and jump and recruited him for the team. By the time Jesse entered high school, he was a track star. He set many school records and continued to do so after entering college at Ohio State University.

In 1935, Jesse entered the Big Ten Championship held at Ann Arbor, Michigan where he tied one world record and set three new ones. His long jump record of 26 feet 8.25 inches went unbroken for 25 years.

In 1936, he competed in the Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, where he won four gold medals, the most ever won by an individual up until that time. In doing so, Jesse Owens proved that Adolph Hitler's Nazi views of Aryan superiority were inaccurate and that anyone, regardless of race, religion or national origin can achieve greatness.

Owens was a motivational speaker for much of his post-Olympics life and devoted much of his time to youth sports programs for underprivileged children. He earned many awards, among them the Medal of Freedom and the Presidential Living Legends Award.

Owens died of lung cancer in 1980, with his wife, Ruth, and his three daughters by his side. He hasn't been forgotten, though. Thousands of admirers visit Jesse Owens Park and Museum in Oakville, AL each year, many of them from Germany and other foreign countries.

On a monument dedicated to his memory in 1983 and now on display at Jesse Owens Memorial Park are the words, "He inspired a world enslaved in tyranny and brought hope to his fellow man . . . from the cotton fields of Oakville to the acclaim of the entire world, he made us all proud to be called Lawrence Countians."

I am thankful for the life and legacy of Jesse Owens, because of his tremendous athletic achievements as well as the inspiration he provided to millions here and around the world.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$16,738,557,190,345.35. We've added \$6,111,680,141,432.27 to our debt in 4 years. This is \$6 trillion in debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

HONORING THE TUSKEGEE AIR- MEN FROM WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

HON. KEITH J. ROTHFUS

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. ROTHFUS. Mr. Speaker, we rise to pay special tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, a

group of African American servicemembers who served our nation honorably and with distinction in World War II. In recognition of their service and sacrifice, the Tuskegee Airmen were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal on March 29, 2007. Although the Airmen are now well known for their wartime accomplishments, their feats of heroism went unheralded for decades.

Western Pennsylvania produced more Tuskegee Airmen than any other region in the United States. Hailing from cities and towns across Western Pennsylvania, including places like Erie, Aliquippa, Washington, Pittsburgh and Johnstown, ninety-five men and one woman served as flight instructors, pilots, bombardiers, navigators, and flight-line personnel.

They and their fellow Airmen served in the 332nd Fighter Group, which was based at the Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee, Alabama.

By the end of the war, the Airmen flew more than 1,500 missions and 15,500 sorties in North Africa, continental Europe, and Sicily. The Fighter Group shot down 112 enemy aircraft, destroyed 150 planes on the ground, and boasted one of the most successful escort records in the military.

Western Pennsylvanians contributed honorably to this legacy.

Lieutenant Robert Johnson, an honors graduate of Schenley High School in Pittsburgh, was the youngest Tuskegee pilot commissioned in the Army Air Corps.

Lieutenants Elmer Taylor and James Wright of Pittsburgh and Carl Woods of Mars were killed in action.

Lieutenant Cornelius Gould, a graduate of Westinghouse High School in Pittsburgh, was shot down, captured, and held as a prisoner of war.

Lieutenant Calvin Smith of Aliquippa stood against discrimination when a group of African American officers were denied entry into an officers' club at Freeman Field.

Rosa Alford, the lone female from Western Pennsylvania, returned after serving honorably during the war to give back to her community, as a counselor at New Brighton High School in Beaver County.

On September 15, 2013, the country's largest outdoor memorial for the Tuskegee Airmen will be dedicated in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. This memorial will serve as fitting tribute to these individuals and all Tuskegee Airmen who served the United States with bravery, honor and distinction. They exemplify the very best our Commonwealth and nation have to offer. Amidst hardship and discrimination, the Airmen rose to the challenge and answered the call to service.

We are proud of these Western Pennsylvanians and honored to recognize them today.

HONORING THE 90TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHEF'S RESTAURANT

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 90th anniversary of one of Buffalo's most beloved dining establishments, Chef's Restaurant.

In 1923, Chef's Restaurant opened its doors on the corner of Seneca and Chicago, and soon established itself as a fixture in the neighborhood.

During the restaurant's early years, a hard-working employee named Lou Billittier began to move his way up the ranks. Beginning as a dishwasher and busboy, Lou was promoted to a waiter. Eventually, he earned the title of restaurant manager.

By 1950, Lou had become co-owner of Chef's. Four years later, he stood proudly as the sole owner of the neighborhood staple.

For over 60 years, Chef's has stayed true to their motto, "Where family and friends meet to eat." The late Lou Billittier, along with his daughter Mary Beth and son Louis John, have worked tirelessly to run their establishment according to the values of community involvement and customer service. The Billittiers believe in being involved in the restaurant's day-to-day process, and know that a personal touch goes a long way.

Over the years, Chef's has mastered blending tradition and innovation. The restaurant began with just seven tables and a small banquet room. Three years ago, they implemented a drive-through window which enabled the restaurant's sales to increase. Now, the famous dining establishment is innovating again with their plans to create a food truck that will take Chef's notable Italian cuisine to the streets of Buffalo.

In addition to their renowned restaurant, the Billittiers are known for their charity. Lou Billittier memorably had former Buffalo Sabre Rob Ray shave his head in front of a crowd of supporters for "Bald for Bucks," a fundraiser for cancer research and patient support programs at Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

On September 11th, 2013, in honor of its 90th anniversary, the restaurant will play host to the "World's Largest Pasta Dinner." Proceeds from the event will benefit the Wounded Warriors Project which honors and empowers wounded U.S. troops and assists in making their post-service transition a smooth one.

Mr. Speaker, thank you for allowing me to recognize Chef's Italian Restaurant for providing 90 years of dining and community service to Western New York, as well as the Billittier family for their continued hard work and generosity. As one of my personal favorites, I am proud to honor their legacy today, and I wish them the absolute best in all of their future endeavors.

HONORING COLLEGE HILL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor College Hill Missionary Baptist Church, which was organized in 1907 under an oak tree on the south side of Florence Avenue in west Jackson, Mississippi approximately 100 yards from its present site. College Hill emerged from humble beginnings and has made continual advancement in all phases of development.

After an initial period of services in Robinson Hall, located on Rose and Pascagoula streets, the present site was set aside by Dr.

L. G. Barrett, the second president of Jackson College (now Jackson State University), as a gift to the people of west Jackson for religious services theory. Thus the bond between this church and the college was formed. The designated tract was to be used for none other than religious purposes.

The church was a frame building with no classrooms, kitchen, nor plumbing. After growth in membership, some renovations were made. In 1957, under the leadership of Reverend R. E. Willis, the Education Building was completed in 1967. The sanctuary was modernized and the church grew to full-time worship and an organization composed of various auxiliaries.

Under the leadership of Reverend Hoses J. Hine, pastor since August 1990, College Hill has experienced tremendous growth through restructuring, revitalization and initiation of new ministries. With Evangelism as the focus, membership has increased dramatically and the budget has grown consistently, College Hill has moved to two Sunday morning services, 8:00 and 11:00, and study service and activity throughout the week.

Building on a solid foundation, Pastor Hines ushered in the concept of Team Ministry. In addition to Evangelism, Christian Education, Community Outreach, Extended Ministries (Food, clothing and Health Care), Children and Youth Ministry have become major focuses.

In October 2000, College Hill completed and dedicated a new modern Family Life Center. Plans are underway for a new 700 seat new sanctuary. Founded on principles of ministry, mission and Christian education, College Hill's major focus for the future is evangelism (Matthew 28: 19–20).

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing College Hill Missionary Baptist Church.

EASTLAKE ALL-STARS

HON. DAVID G. REICHERT

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 12, 2013

Mr. REICHERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary merit of the Eastlake All-Stars from Sammamish, WA today, September 12, 2013.

The Eastlake All-Stars (Northwest) won the WA state championship, and then the regional championship, defeating Billings, Montana (Big Sky Little League) 13–1 in four innings. They advanced as far as the United States semi-final of the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Their route was inspirational. After losing to New England, they rallied to defeat the Southwest, Midwest, and Southeast teams before advancing to the semi-final. Facing off against New England once again in a rollercoaster game, they were defeated 13–14.

Throughout the Little League World Series they demonstrated great cohesion and teamwork. Congratulations to the Eastlake All-Stars for an outstanding tournament at the Little League World Series; they are deserving of every special recognition. The players and coaches who made this excellent season possible are listed below.

Players: Will Armbruester, Cameron Bowlers, Adam Carper, Jack Carper, Dalton Chandler, Jacob Dahlstrom, Bryce Delay, Nathan